

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending and have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into the following groups:

Group I: claims 1-46, drawn to methods of stimulating an immune response comprising administering a nucleic acid encoding at least one epitope, and nucleic acids encoding two or more epitopes;

Group II: claims 47-50, drawn to methods of treating a condition comprising administering a non-viral vector which encodes a heterologous polypeptide.

The Examiner requests that one of the groups of claims be elected for examination. Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-46, for examination.

The Examiner has additionally requested that a species election be made. Applicants elect the species of "one or more epitopes contained within the CDR of an immunoglobulin molecule" (species c). The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-46.

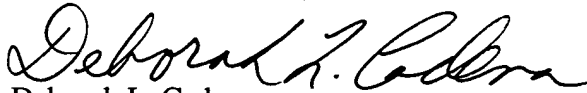
Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-46, for examination. Applicants additionally elect species c, one or more epitopes contained within the CDR of an immunoglobulin molecule. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent if there are any questions.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 502624 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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